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1. SWEDISH PERM REP HAS INVITED " ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS
OF THE GC" TO AN INFORMAL MEETING AT UN HEADQUARTERS
TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST SESSION UNEP GC.
MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3 P. M. ON MAY 24 AND
10:30 A. M. ON MAY 25.

2. TEXT INVITATION AS FOLLOWS:

MR. AMBASSADOR,

THE 12 TH OF JUNE 1973 THE GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAMMES WILL COMMENCE ITS FIRST MEETING. WE ALL KNOW, BY
EXPERIENCE, HOW DIFFICULT THE FIRST MEETINGS OF NEW UN- BODIES
CAN BE. THIS ONE IT THINK WILL ALSO BE HEAVILY COVERED BY NEWS
MEDIA WHICH UNDERLINES ALL THE MORE THE NEED FOR THE COUNCIL
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TO COME TO A SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM- ORIENTED DISCUSSION AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH COLLEAGUES FROM DIFFERENT

REGIONS AND THERE SEEMS TO BE A BROAD CONSENSUS THAT SOME PREPARATORY WORK COULD BE USEFUL. YOU MAY RECALL THAT THERE IS, AS YET, NO BUREAU FOR THE COUNCIL. AFTER CONSULTATION ALSO WITH MR. STRONG I THEREFORE HAVE THE HONOUR TO INVITE ALL INTERESTED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL TO AN INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETING AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, MAY 24 - 25, 1973.

THE IDEA IS TO GIVE DELEGATIONS A POSSIBILITY TO REVIEW PREPARATIONS FOR FOR THE FIRST SESSION AND GIVE MR. STRONG, WHO HAS KINDLY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE, THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELABORATE FURTHER REGARDING ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MAY ARISE REGARDING THE DOCUMENTATION. DELEGATIONS WILL THUS ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT IN AN INFORMAL WAY SOME PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON THE ITEMS OF THE AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL AND PUT QUESTIONS TO MR. STRONG. IN ADDITION TO THIS HE COULD ALSO EXPLAIN WHICH PROBLEMS OF SUBSTANCE, ACCORDING TO HIS OPINION DELEGATIONS COULD USEFULLY CONCENTRATE UPON IN THEIR PREPARATION AND IN THE DELIBERATIONS AT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL- MEETING AS WELL AS WHAT KIND AND FORM OF GUIDANCE HE WOULD FIND USEFUL FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW FROM THE COUNCIL IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PROCEED EFFECTIVELY WITH HIS IMPORTANT TASKS. I WANT TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THE INFORMAL NATURE OF THE MEETING AND THAT OF COURSE NO DECISIONS OF ANY KIND ARE FORESEEN. DIFFERENT QUESTIONS NO DOUBT WILL COME UP IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING. DURING MY CONSULTATIONS MAINLY SIX ITEMS HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN SUGGESTED WHICH I LIST BY WAY OF INFORMATION.

1. INFORMATION REGARDING THE SECRETARIAT
2. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU
3. RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
4. ACTION NEEDED TO BE TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL IN RELATION TO THE PROGRAMME
5. METHODS FOR DISCHARGING THE COORDINATING FUNCTIONS
6. RULES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FUND

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I HOPE THAT TWO MEETINGS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THOSE AND POSSIBLE OTHER POINTS TO BE RAISED. WE HAVE THEREFORE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ONE MEETING AT 3.00 P. M., MAY 24 AND ANOTHER AT 10.30 A. M. MAY 25. THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS BUT I WILL HAVE TO INFORM YOU LATER BY TELEPHONE REGARDING CONFERENCE ROOM.

YOURS SINCE

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